

Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program



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Program Objectives

- Allocate resources to support alternate modes of transportation
- Enhance the transportation system through preservation of visual and cultural resources
- Improve the quality of life for members of the communities



Available Categories

- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Historic Preservation
- Rehabilitation of Historic Transportation Buildings, Structures or Facilities
- Landscaping and Scenic Beautification
- Scenic or Historic Highway Programs
- Environmental Mitigation
- Archeological Planning & Research

Available Categories

- Transportation Museums
- Outdoor Advertising Control
- Safety and Education Activities for Pedestrians and Bicyclists
- Acquisition of Scenic Easements
- Preservation of Abandoned Railway Corridors for Bike Trails

Sustainability/Livability

- Landscape and Scenic Beautification (Commonly referred to as Streetscape)
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Facilities
- Historic Preservation and Transportation Museums
- Environmental Mitigation Due to Highway Runoff

Illinois Main Street Projects



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Competition for Funds

- 2005-06
 - Received 376 applications
 - Requested \$349 M federal funds
 - Approved 109 projects for \$65.3M



Competition for Funds

- 2008-09
 - Received 332 applications
 - Requested \$443 M federal funds
 - Approved 68 projects for \$66.6 M
- Stimulus Funds (\$28M for ITEP)
 - 27 new projects for \$20 M
 - Remainder was ITEP conversions



Competition for Funds

- 2010
 - Received 381 applications
 - Requested \$410 M federal funds
 - Approved 120 projects for \$90 M



Local Match Requirements

- Eligible items funded at 80%
- 20% local match required
- Land Acquisition funded at 50%
- Street Lighting funded at 50%
- Local project sponsor must cover any ineligible items



Local Matching Funds

- No Federal Transportation Funds
- State & Federal Agency Grants
- Motor Fuel Tax
- Local Incentives (TIF Districts)
- Legislative Commitments
- Federal Flexible Match
- IDOT District offices can assist



Program Information

- Notification
- Workshops
- ITEP Website
 - www.dot.il.gov/opp/itep.html
- E-mail Address
 - itep@dot.il.gov



2012 Application Schedule

- February – May
 - Open Application Period
- June – August
 - Application Reviews
- September – October
 - (Selection Committee Review and Projects Announced)



Summary Comments

- Program Partners are critical to success
- Highly competitive program - do as much advanced work as feasible
- Gain public support
- Seek alternative funding options
- Sunset Clause

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